

Neighborhood and Community Relations Department

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Department Mission:

To strengthen our city's quality of life through vigorous community participation, resident involvement in neighborhood and community organizations, and supporting clearly defined links between the City, City services, neighborhood and community organizations.

2011 Key Accomplishments:

- Revamped the Community Participation Program to continue funding to neighborhood organizations.
- Started the Hello Neighbor Program for new arrivals to Minneapolis.
- Established the Rebuilding Our Communities fund in response to the May 2011 Tornado to provide aid to the recovery and rebuilding process.
- Established the ADA Liaison Network in all city departments.
- Transferred NRP administration into the department

About NCR:

Existing resources from around the City were relocated and realigned to support a coordinated effort to support community engagement.



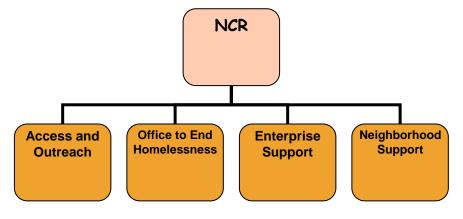
NCR Activities: Comprehensive Support for Community Engagement

<u>Access and Outreach:</u> The department builds connections with communities where cultural norms or practices, language or disabilities limit knowledge and access to government.

Office to End Homelessness: The Office to End Homelessness is a joint Office of the City of Minneapolis and Hennepin County.

<u>Enterprise Support:</u> The department supports connections between neighborhoods, community and cultural groups and City departments to inform programming, service delivery and budgeting.

<u>Neighborhood Support</u>: The department focuses on nurturing neighborhood engagement through neighborhood-based priority setting, planning and implementation, including administrative support; and the integration of this work with the work of the City.



Funding:

Funding for NCR comes from three primary sources:

<u>City's General Fund:</u> General funds are used to cover some of the access and outreach work.

<u>Community Development Block Grant (CDBG):</u> CDBG funds are used to cover the work of the Office to End Homelessness, the St. Stephen's Street Outreach Program and some of the Access and Outreach work.

<u>Consolidated Tax Increment Finance District (TIF)</u>: TIF funds are used exclusively for neighborhood support. TIF funds only support direct neighborhood programming and the portion of the department's working to support neighborhoods.

City General Funds

Community Development Block Grant Funds

Tax Increment Financing Revenue

- Access and Outreach team.
- Office of Homelessness.
- Provide outreach support services to neighborhood organizations.
- St. Stephen's Street Outreach Program
- Neighborhood Revitalization Program (NRP).
- Community Participation Program (CPP).
- Neighborhood Specialist Team

Community Participation Program:

- Provides over \$3 million dollars annually to 71 neighborhood organizations in Minneapolis.
- Connects neighborhoods to City programs, service delivery and budgeting.

NRP Transition:

• The administration of the Minneapolis Neighborhood Revitalization Program, best known as NRP, transferred to NCR on January 3rd, 2012. Neighborhoods will work with NCR for central administration support, as well as neighborhood support services currently provided by NRP such as Director's and Officers Insurance, auditing and contract support.